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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q78674

Junji HAYASHI et al.

Allowed: May 4, 2004

Appln. No.: 10/720,419

Group Art Unit: 3711

Confirmation No.: 5123

Examiner: Raeann Gordon

Filed: November 25, 2003

For: MULTI-PIECE SOLID GOLF BALL

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

**MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated May 4, 2004 and the accompanying Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicant submits the following comments:

Applicant submits that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance paraphrases only portions of the allowed claims of the present application. However, Applicant submits that each of the claims is individually allowable based on the respective language and not based on any summary or paraphrasing of language that may be found in the Statement of Reasons For Allowance, and that each individual claim does not require additional clarification to determine its respective scope. Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance does not identify all of the differences between the allowed claims and the prior art including the art expressly cited by the Examiner.

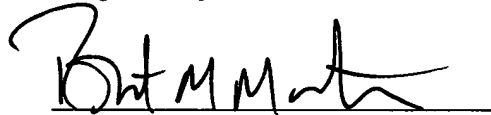
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Lastly, the Notice of Allowance dated May 4, 2004 identifies claims 1-5 as being allowed; however, there are six claims pending. Claim 6 depends from claim 1 and is believed to be in condition for allowance at least for the reasons that claim 1 is allowable over the art of record. Applicant's representative has contacted the Examiner to request a Supplemental Notice of Allowance to indicate that claim 6 has been allowed.

Please enter Applicant's comments into the above-identified application. No response from the Examiner is deemed to be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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